

CORE BELIEFS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

- ***We believe that each student must graduate prepared to succeed in college, career, and life choices and to be a productive, contributing citizen.***

- ***We believe that students learn best when they:***
 - Know that the adults in their lives expect much of them and believe they can succeed.
 - Value the importance of education by demonstrating effort, perseverance, and caring for others.
 - Engage in curricula that are rigorous and with instruction that is personalized and differentiated.
 - Make connections to their learning experiences, their school community, and the world at large.
 - Interact in a caring, safe, secure, respectful, diverse, and inclusive learning environment.
 - Reflect on the results of their assessments, and make conscious choices to improve their learning.

- ***We believe that student success depends upon high-performance learning environments that:***
 - Value each student equally.
 - Inspire and empower students to be successful learners.
 - Use formative, diagnostic learning assessments to motivate students, and to tailor and improve instruction.
 - Enable students to demonstrate in-depth understanding through meaningful and relevant learning experiences.
 - Model the ideals of exemplary citizenship.
 - Promote teamwork, problem solving, collaboration, and a culture of inquiry.
 - Develop student leadership through character development and service learning.
 - Encourage parent/community support and involvement.

- ***We believe that leadership is the most effective catalyst for maximizing student performance through a positive school culture that:***
 - Expects and promotes quality teaching.
 - Provides employees with the resources necessary for students to achieve at high academic and social levels.
 - Strategically places staff members in positions, and provides them with powerful professional growth experiences.
 - Encourages staff to explore new strategies and pursue innovation to enhance organizational effectiveness.
 - Expects staff to collaboratively design, plan, implement, and review effective programs and practices.

- ***We believe that public education provides the best learning environment for building, preserving, and strengthening our democratic society.***